MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill be passed into law.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That under Rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules the order of business be changed and that the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken up now.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope there is no objection. The question is—

'That under Rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules the order of business be changed and that the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken up now.' "

The motion was put and carried.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(2) THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill [a] 1954, and move—

'*That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

This is a very simple amendment proposed to the present law on the subject. Under the existing arrangement, the Inspector-General of Registration is also the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and he is in charge of the Societies Registration Act. Now, Sir, the registration of joint stock companies has become the responsibility of the Government of India and there is a separate officer for the job. The Societies Registration Act is administered by this State and, therefore, it is proposed that the Inspector-General of Registration may take over this work. The amending Bill seeks to give effect to this decision."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken into consideration at once.' "

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 2.

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is an amendment to this clause given notice of by Mr. A. Ratnam. I think it is out of order."

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SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" How is it out of order? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" He wants that the rate of fees should be changed. It is out of order. Anyway, he may move his amendment and speak formally on it."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, I move—

'After *item* (iii), insert *the following as item* (iv) *and* renumber *the existing item* (iv) *as item* (v) :—

" (iv) *in Section* 3, after *the words ' a fee of fifty rupees ' the words ' or a fee of five rupees in the case of Societies formed by the members of Schedule Castes ' be inserted.*" '

"கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இப்பொழுது நான் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கும் திருத்தமானது பதிவு செய்வதற்கான கட்டணம் ரூ. 50 என்றிருப்பதை தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மக்கள் நிருவும் சங்கத்திற்கு பதிவு கட்டணம் ரூ. 5-ஆகச் செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டிருக்கிறேன். இந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் நான் சொல்ல விரும்புவது என்னவென்ருல் தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களின குறைகளை வெகுவாகச் சொல்வதற்கு முடியாதவாறு சில நிமிஷங்கள்தான் எனக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

MR. SPEAKER :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கும் திருத்தம் Scheme of the Bill-ல் வராததினுல் நான் இதை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள முடியாது. மேலும் இந்தச் சட்டசபையில் எந்த இடத்தில் எதைச்செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று இருக்கிறது. ஆதலால் எதையும் ஒரு ஒழுங்கு முறையோடு செய்யவேண்டும்.

" I rule it out of order."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I move—

' Insert *the following as item* (iv) *and* renumber *item* (iv) *as item* (v) :—

" (iv) *in Section* 3, *for the word ' fifty ' wherever it occurs, the word ' twenty-five ' shall be substituted.*" ' "

Sri M. Kalyanasundram seconded the amendment.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I move—

' *In item* (ii), add *at the end of the proposed Explanation the words " or any of the district authorities, subordinate to the Inspector-General of Registration not below the rank of the District Registrar to whom powers shall be delegated in respect of this Act ".*' "

Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar seconded the amendment.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் திருத்தத்தின் நோக்கம் என்னவென்ருல் இப்பொழுது இன்ஸ்பெக்டர் ஜெனரல் ஆப் ரிஜிஸ்டிரேஷன் பதிவு செய்யலாம் என்று இருக்கிறது. அவருடைய தலைமைக் காரியாலயம் சென்னையில் இருக்கிறது. அவரிடம் மலபார், திருநெல்வேலி, கோயமுத்தூர் முதலிய தூர ஜில்லாக்களிலிருந்து இங்கு வந்து பதிவு செய்யவேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறது. அப்படிப்பட்ட நிர்பந்தம் இதில் இருக்கிறது. அதனுல் ஜில்லாக்களிலுள்ள அதிகாரிகளுக்கும் இதே அதிகாரத்தைக் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று இந்தத் திருத்தத்தை பிரேரேபிக்கிறேன்."

12-40 p.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" Even if the Hon. Minister is prepared to reply, I cannot allow it because the amendment in question is clearly out of order."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is beyond the scope of the Bill, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் இதை ஒத்துக்கொள்ள தயாராக இருக்கிறார். ஆகவே இந்தத் திருத்தத்தை ஒத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no objection to accept the amendment moved by Sri K. P. Gopalan provided the word 'shall' occurring in the fourth line is changed into 'may'."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Then I will put the amendment moved by Mr. K. P. Gopalan changing the word 'shall' into 'may' The question is—

'In item (ii), *add* at the end of the proposed Explanation the words " or any of the district authorities subordinate to the Inspector-General of Registration not below the rank of the District Registrar to whom powers may be delegated in respect of this Act ".' "

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The amendment given notice of by Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar is out of order. I will now put Clause 2 as amended to the vote of the House."

Clause 2, as amended, was put and carried.

Clause 3 was put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be passed into law.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be passed into law.' "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நான் அதிக நேரம் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்போவதில்லை. ஏற்கெனவே குறிப்பிட்ட மாதிரி 2-வது ஸெக்ஷன்படி பல அங்கத்தினர்கள் ஐம்பது ரூபாய் என்று இருக்கக்கூடிய ரிஜிஸ்ட்ரேஷன் கட்டணம் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது அதைக் குறைக்கவேண்டும் என்று அபிப்பிராயப்படுகிறார்கள். அதுசம்பந்தமாக சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்து அந்தக் கட்டணத்தைக் குறைக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டு இந்த சட்டத்தை நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கு எங்களுக்கு ஆட்சேபனை இல்லை என்பதை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, I shall examine that proposal."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be passed into law.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(3) THE MADRAS COMMERCIAL CROPS MARKETS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Commercial Crops Market (Amendment) Bill[a] 1954, and move—

' That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.'

" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to give very briefly the amount of work done by the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933. I would also add that this amendment does not seek to introduce any big changes in the existing law. It seeks only to rectify certain defects that has been pointed by the Court of Madras and the District Court of South Kanara.

" The Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933, has now been on the statute book for over two decades. This Act was passed as a result of the recommendation made in the Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in 1928.

" The main object of this marketing legislation is to create conditions of better marketing for the cultivator with a view to getting him a better and fair price for his produce. The average ryot is ignorant of the several malpractices obtaining in trade and as a consequence, he is duped of his legitimate profits which usually go to the middleman. For example, weights and measures are manipulated, prices are raised or lowered at the will of brokers or trade agents, who being well trained in their professions, are more efficient and skilful. Illegal exactions are also made in the name of charity or trade allowances. These evils deprive the producers of a fair price for their produce.

" The Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act is being administered under the direct supervision of the marketing section of the Agriculture department, subject to the overall control of the State Government. Rules have been framed under the Act and Market Committees constituted under the Act are also empowered to frame by-laws with a view to regulating its day-to-day activities.

" Under the Act, seven districts of this State have been notified for regulation of better marketing in specified commercial crops. These districts are—

(i) South Arcot district (in respect of groundnut, cotton and gingelly) ;

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